

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
COATES et al. : Examiner: NOT YET ASSIGNED
Serial No.: NOT YET ASSIGNED : Group Art Unit: NOT YET ASSIGNED
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For: 1,3-OXATHIOLANE NUCLEOSIDE ANALOGUES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Claims:

Cancel claims 1-18.

Please add the following new claim:

--19. A method for treating a human suffering from HIV infection comprising administering to said human a pharmaceutical composition comprising: the compound (-)-*cis*-4-amino-1-(2-hydroxymethyl-1,3-oxathiolan-5-yl)-(1H)-pyrimidin-2-one, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier,

wherein said pharmaceutical composition further comprises another antiviral agent having antiviral activity,

wherein the amount of the (+)-enantiomer corresponding to said compound is present in said composition is no more than 5% w/w, relative to the combined weight of (-) and (+)-enantiomers, and

wherein said agent is selected from AZT, 2'3'-dideoxycytidine, 2'3'-dideoxyadenosine, 2'3'-dideoxyinosine, 2'3'-dideoxy-hymidine, 2'3'-dideoxy-2'3'-didehydrothymidine, and 2'3'-dideoxy 2'3'-didehydrocytine.--